***Writing your biography***

Now that you have completed your interview, it is time to commence writing! Take in consideration the following guidelines:

1. Write your biography in third person
2. Read this page and the sample biography so you have an idea of what you will be doing.

When writing your biography consider the following:

1. **Write a title.** The title could include the name of the person you’re writing about.
2. **Write an introduction** that grabs the reader’s attention and tells him or her who you’re writing about
3. **Write a paragraph that includes information about the person’s childhood.** When was he or she born? Where did he or she grow up? Who did he or she look up to?
4. **Write a conclusion** that includes your opinion about why it is important to learn about this person. What can we learn from this person’s accomplishments?

In items c and d use the information you gathered from the interview.

It's a good idea to begin with a really interesting statement, a little known fact, or really intriguing event. You’ll want yours to stand out.

Considering that, you should avoid starting out with a standard but boring line like:

*"Meriwether Lewis was born in Virginia in 1774."*

Try starting with something like this:

*"Late one afternoon in October, 1809, Meriwether Lewis arrived at a small log cabin nestled deep in the Tennessee Mountains. By sunrise on the following day, he was dead, having suffered gunshot wounds to the head and chest. His body was also slashed several times with a shaving razor."*

This opening is much more enticing, isn’t it?

1. **Edit the paper**
   * As mentioned before, every writer needs an editor.
   * Edit purely for grammar, punctuation
   * Edit purely for content (logical flow)
   * Give the paper to someone else to read
   * Once it has been edited, take it home type it and print it up. This is what you will be handing in. Ask for a picture or take one, since you will be making a cover page for this mini bio. Cover page should include the title of the biography, the picture of the person the bio is about and the author of this biography, in this case YOU!